

February 24, 2010

ADDENDUM #4 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309446-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for the approved exceptions/equivalents submitted by EK Coach for the 17, 20 & 21- Passenger Gas Cutaway Buses.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309446-RP and Addendum #1, 2 and 3.

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #4.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NO. : #HWY-309446-RP

NAME OF BIDDER: Jason Spore, EK Coach

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: Exceptions List for Bid

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: All

PAGES & REFERENCE: 3

BIDDERS REQUEST:

These are the exceptions/equivalents for EK Coaches/Elkhart Coach for 309446. The list is similar to previous lists we've submitted, but it is getting shorter, thanks to your changes throughout this series of bids. Let me know if you need the supporting documents for the body structure, mirrors, etc. I am assuming you have them from the earlier bids, but I would be happy to send them again.

EXCEPTIONS/EQUIVALENT LIST

Reference	Exception/Equivalent
2.1.8	EXCEPTION: UNDERCOATING WILL BE APPLIED AT THE DEPTH RECOMMENDED BY THE UNDERCOATING MANUFACTURER AND MAY NOT BE 1/8" INCH THICK
5.6.3	EQUIVALENT: SONY AM/FM/CD RADIO WILL BE SUPPLIED IN PLACE OF FORD OE RADIO. THE FORD RADIO IS A 2-CHANNEL, 12 WATT RADIO. THE SONY RADIO IS A 4-CHANNEL, 45 WATT SYSTEM AND WILL PROVIDE SUPERIOR SOUND AND PERFORMANCE.
5.7.1 & 5.7.3	EQUIVALENT: WE WILL PROVIDE OUR STANDARD BODY STRUCTURE AND ROOF CONSTRUCTION AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED "STRUCTURAL SPECIFICATION" INFORMATION FROM ELKHART COACH.
5.7.10	EXCEPTION: - ITEM 5.8.11 REQUIRES THAT THE STEPS BE ALTRO FLOORING SO THEY WILL NOT BE COVERED WITH ANTI-SKID RUBBER AS SPECIFIED

5.7.12	EQUIVALENT: - SIDE PASSENGER WINDOWS WILL MEASURE 36" X 36" WITH A POSSIBILITY OF ONE WINDOW ON EACH SIDE MEASURING 24" WIDE X 36" TALL IF NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE PASSENGER VIEWING AREA
5.7.13	EQUIVALENT: ROSCO MIRRORS WILL BE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF LUCERIX. INFORMATION IS ATTACHED.
5.7.14.b.	EQUIVALENT: LIGHT ABOVE LIFT DOOR WILL BE OFF TO ONE SIDE AND NOT "DIRECTLY ABOVE" THE DOOR AS SPECIFIED. THE LIGHT BELOW THE DOOR IS SURFACE MOUNTED INSTEAD OF FLUSH MOUNTED.
5.7.14.	EXCEPTION: - EXTERIOR LIGHTS ARE WIRED THROUGH THE HEADLIGHT SWITCH AND CAN BE TURNED ON WITH THE KEY OUT OF THE IGNITION.
5.7.16	EQUIVALENT: The exterior surface of the bus will be pre-painted aluminum per 5.7.2. The aluminum has a baked white gloss enamel finish matching Ford OEM white.
5.8.4	EQUIVALENT: TRANSPEC MODEL 1075 ROOF HATCHES WILL BE PROVIDED IN LIEU OF SMI MODEL 1070.
5.8.8	EQUIVALENT: USB seatbelts will not fit between seats on back row. Outer rear row seats will have USB belts. Inner three seats will have retractable seat belts.
5.8.9	EQUIVALENT: MODESTY PANEL WILL BE PLYWOOD COVERED WITH PADDED GRAY VINYL, NOT FORMICA AND WILL NOT HAVE PLASTIC EDGING. THE MODESTY PANEL AT THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT WILL BE FULL HEIGHT AND WILL NOT HAVE A CROSS BAR
5.8.11	EQUIVALENT: VAPOR BARRIER SEAMS ARE BONDED TOGETHER, NOT LOCKED.
5.8.12	EQUIVALENT: INTERIOR TRIM PANELS WILL BE VINYL COVERED LUAN. INTERIOR WALL PANELS ARE FRP.
5.8.14	EQUIVALENT: INSULATION IN ROOF WILL BE 1.75" THICK BEAD BOARD THAT IS 1.5LB DENSITY
5.9.2	EQUIVALENT: REAR HEATERS WILL BE MOUNTED ON THE FLOOR.
5.9.5	EXCEPTION: SPEC REQUIRES CARRIER AC-713MAX SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED. THIS SYTEM MAY NOT MEET ALL OF THE PARTICULARS NOTED IN THE SPEC.
5.10.1	EXCEPTION: SPEC REQUIRES BRAUN MILLENNIUM LIFT WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IT MAY NOT MEET ALL OF THE PARTICULARS NOTED IN THE SPEC.
5.10.12	EQUIVALENT: L-TRACK WILL BE Q'STRAIT FLANGE 6000 L-TRACK.
5.11.9	EXCEPTION: INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR DECALS WILL ALL MEASURE 9" X 9" NOT 4" X 4" OR 12" X 12" AS SPECIFIED
5.11.12	EQUIVALENT: BROCHURE RACK WILL BE PLEXIGLAS INSTEAD OF METAL. WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND A SOURCE FOR A METAL RACK.
5.12.3.c	EXCEPTION: Please accept that a customer signature is required on many warranty activation forms and warranties will be activated upon delivery.

MDT RESPONSE:

MDT accepts all listed exceptions/equivalents.

NOTE:

Any request for an Approved Equal or Exception to the Specifications must be fully supported with technical data, test results and any other information available, as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the Specifications/Requirements. MDT may require a bidder offering a substitute to supply additional descriptive material, a sample and/or a demonstration.